



News From

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DINOLFO ANNOUNCES RENEWED RECYCLING EFFORT FOR PROPANE TANK DISPOSAL

Improper Disposal of Propane Tanks Could Lead to Unsafe Conditions

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** today announced a renewed effort to encourage all residents to dispose of propane tanks properly. This is a joint partnership between Monroe County and Waste Management. While large propane tanks can be reused, smaller propane tanks are often placed at the curb for pick-up with gas still inside, which becomes an environmental and safety concern.

*"As the camping and cookout season comes to a close, it's important for all residents to dispose of propane tanks properly," said **Dinolfo**. "Propane tanks can be dangerous if thrown away or recycled with gas still inside. On behalf of the dedicated employees who handle curbside pickup and who work at our recycling center, please take your empty propane tanks to the County's ecopark where they can be disposed of safely."*

Every year, partially-filled propane tanks pose a serious safety risk at the Monroe County Recycling Center and for haulers around the region. Under certain circumstances, the tanks can explode, so residents are encouraged to refrain from placing them in curbside recycling bins and garbage totes. Instead, residents are asked to bring empty propane tanks to the Monroe County ecopark, located at 10 Avion Drive. The ecopark is open Wednesdays from 1:00p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information about the ecopark, go online to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark

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Photo/Video Availability:

Who: MCDES Director Mike Garland

When: 10:00 A.M.

Where: Monroe County ecopark located at 10 Avion Drive

Please call to confirm your attendance